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Hudson Auto Sales Fire Ruled Electrical

State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Hudson Fire Chief John Blood announced the most probable cause of the July 22, 2006 fire at 171 Washington Street, Hudson is an electrical short circuit. The \$1.3 million fire occurred in a building that housed five commercial tenants and affected 37 motor vehicles and one adjacent building.

The fire was jointly investigated by the Hudson Fire Department, Hudson Police Department and State Police assigned to the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Investigators determined that the fire originated in one of the automotive repair bays at Hudson Auto Sales.